



December 3, 2021

NOTICE

TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Plastic Quality Incentive Payment Program

Effective September 23, 2021, SB 170 (Chapter 240, Skinner, Budget Act of 2021) authorized the expenditure of \$10,000,000 from the California Beverage Recycling Fund for the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to provide quality incentive payments (QIP) to curbside recycling programs to increase the sorting and separation of clean loads of PET containers, as defined in Section 14515.5 of the Public Resources Code.

Beginning July 1, 2021, and until June 30, 2022, CalRecycle may make quality incentive payments for PET beverage containers pursuant to the payment process described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 14549.1 of the Public Resources Code and the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery's regulations only for loads that contain a maximum of 2 percent of PET thermoform containers and other contaminants, as determined by the department. Eligible certified entities may retroactively claim QIP for PET beverage containers starting July, 1 2021.

To assist eligible certified entities in qualifying and properly reporting for the plastic QIP program, CalRecycle will be preparing an instructional bulletin. The instructional bulletin will provide a simple step-by-step process to facilitate the reporting requirements as specified in the statute and regulations. CalRecycle will review the claims and may request supporting purchase documents as part of the eligibility verification process. In addition, CalRecycle staff may visit the participant to inspect their facility and inventory to verify the claim.

If you have any questions regarding QIP, please contact Hieu Le at (916) 323-5778.

Sincerely,

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